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METHODS FOR DETERMINING THE)
PRESENCE OF A NUCLEIC ACID)
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on June 2, 2003, kindly enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.